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Water. Refresh

► Seven-year-old Sam Wait plays in a sprinkler at a park in Ottawa on Thursday.

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Nation's capital bakes under the sun

Temperatures were expected to reach the mid-40s C with humidex in Ottawa. For more on the temperatures scorching Canada, see page 10.

Sens fans get parking lot relief

► New on-ramp, for Scotiabank Place will make sports fans happy, say politicians

The agonizing wait in the parking lot after Sens games may get shorter.

Officials with the hockey team, the City of Ottawa and the Ontario government announced they will build a new on-ramp to Hwy. 417. You'll just have to wait two years for the construction to finish.

Ontario Minister of Infrastructure Bob Chiarelli announced the province will invest in a new on-ramp to the eastbound Hwy. 417 that will take vehicles directly from the parking lot of Scotiabank Place. The Ontario government will contribute \$500,000, while the city will fork over \$250,000. The project will also see the construction of additional high occupancy vehicle lanes on the highway from Eagleson Road to Hwy. 7.

"As an Ottawa Senators fan, I know first-hand what this ramp

"This investment by the provincial government will not only create valuable jobs locally, but will also improve quality of life for transit users."

MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE BOB CHIARELLI

means for the community," said Chiarelli, who called the traffic congestion following games "unacceptable."

Mayor Jim Watson said the ramp will reduce wait times for buses exiting the parking lot after Senators games from the current estimated 18 minutes to two minutes.

"The calculation in gas savings is tens of thousands of dollars every month," said Watson.

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The great economic smackdown

► The Ontario Liberals paint a rosier picture of the economy than the Progressive Conservatives — but who's right? ► Metro asks BMO economist Douglas Porter to weigh in



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Until Ontarians go to the polls on Oct. 6, you can expect to hear competing claims about the economy. But it's best to take them with a grain of salt, one economist says.

Liberal Cabinet minister Glen Murray was in Ottawa this week touting his government's economic performance. He had sharp words for Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak, whom he referred to as "economically incompetent," and whose policies, he said, would ruin the economic recovery.

Stepping into the ring, Nepean-Carleton Progressive Conservative MPP Lisa MacLeod said Premier Dalton McGuinty had "destroyed" the province's economy, and Hudak would fix McGuinty's mistakes by stimulating spending and economic growth with tax breaks and help for small businesses.

But Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO, warns that politicians can selectively apply statistics to situations and time frames and spin them to their own benefit.

"Ontario has had quite a cycle. We've been hit hard and we've had quite a nice recovery from the depths two years ago," he said. "Politicians can certainly make hay with these statistics."



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Lisa MacLeod, PC

On the state of the Ontario economy:

"It's unfortunate that Dalton McGuinty has taken eight years of his mandate to, effectively, utterly destroy Ontario's economy. We were first in economic growth in Canada and he's brought us to worst."

Douglas Porter responds:

"It's true that Ontario was worst in Canada in terms of economic growth during McGuinty's term, but that was in 2009 at the depths of the recession. Now we're no longer the worst, but about on par with the rest of the country."

On the status of Ontario jobs:

"We've lost a lot of manufacturing jobs, in fact, 300,000 in (Dalton McGuinty's) tenure in office."

Douglas Porter responds:

"Also true. However, manufacturing job losses came from a high dollar and competition from China: Two things out of the control of provincial politicians."



JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Glen Murray, Lib.

On the state of the Ontario economy:

"We've had one of the best (economic) recoveries in the world."

Douglas Porter responds:

"That's true. However, Ontario's recovery has been swift and dramatic because its crash during the recession was so hard."

On the status of Ontario jobs:

"We've recovered 124 per cent of the jobs lost in the recession. We're ahead by 320,000 jobs."

Douglas Porter responds:

"Again, those figures are accurate, but Ontario has a slightly higher unemployment rate than the Canadian average."

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Considering it's a flashpoint of international tension, life on Spratly Islands can be pretty dull. Scan code for story.

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► Amber Winters, 9, stands outside of a residence at Algonquin College where she and other evacuees from Kingfisher Lake First Nation are staying.

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Ottawa hosting forest fire evacuees

► Daily evacuations from the fires in Northern Ontario are ongoing until the situation improves



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Kingfisher Lake First Nation evacuees were happy to be in Ottawa on Thursday, but are thinking of their loved ones back home. Forest fires surround the community — about 500 kilometres north of Thunder Bay — and smoke is making it hard to breathe.

"It was full of thick, black smoke, the fire wasn't that close yet, but it's heading in that direction," said Cepa Sugarhead who arrived in Ottawa with her 13-year-old daughter Allysa at

"The only thing I don't like about this place is the (heat)."

BREEZE WINTERS

about 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

They were flown in a Hercules to Thunder Bay and from there by jet to Ottawa.

The city is expecting about 300 evacuees from Kingfisher Lake, but the number is uncertain because the conditions keep changing, said Ottawa Paramedic Service chief Anthony Di Monte.

Medical crews treated

the evacuees as they arrived. Four were treated in hospital for smoke inhalation, he said.

"It was really smoky, no kids could go outside," said nine-year-old Amber Winters.

Now that she's in Ottawa she's doing many of the same things she can usually do at home. "I'm playing around, walking around and just watching TV," she said.

Amber and her sister Breeze, 8, said they're thinking of their five pets, who are back home with their dad.

"I'm worried they might get sick," said Breeze.



Forest fire facts

- Hot, dry weather has created the conditions for forest fires in Northern Ontario, with more than 100 burning.
- There are 2,000 firefighters and support staff involved in fire fighting efforts.
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► One of the more than 100 fires blazing in northwestern Ontario burns to the edge of a lake on July 16. The fire has not yet been extinguished.



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Ex-general is fined for affair

► **Former No. 1 man in Afghanistan pleads guilty to having illicit relations there then urging a cover up**

The dramatic fall from grace of a once-rising star in Canada's military culminated Thursday in a \$7,000 fine and a symbolic reprimand.

This was after former brigadier-general Daniel Menard had already gone from being a prominent military commander, to an unemployed civilian fighting to keep his family and rebuild his tattered reputation.

It unravelled following an affair with a subordinate, a fling that began in Canada and continued in the makeshift military living quarters in the dusty confines of Kandahar.

Menard pleaded guilty

Military rules

- Prosecutors cast the case in purely military terms: regulations bar soldiers from having intimate relations while on deployment.
- The rule even applies to married couples — which Menard and his subordinate were not.
- When someone at such a senior rank flouts the rules, the military says, it undermines morale and weakens the chain of command.

Thursday before a military court martial. His punishment included a fine and a demotion to the rank of colonel — but that latter

penalty is largely symbolic, because he will retain his previous rank and pension benefits.

Menard had faced a maximum of two years in prison or a dishonourable discharge from the military.

Lt.-Col. Louis-Vincent d'Auteuil, a military judge, cited principles of integrity, honesty and leadership as he read out his verdict.

"This happened in the worst place, at the worst time — in a theatre of operation," he said.

He said Menard had an admirable career to that point, which is why he was made a general at such a young age. He said that positive track record was also



► Retired Brigadier-General Daniel Menard arrives at a military court Thursday in Montreal.

taken into account in the verdict.

He said the punishments Menard had already suffered — his removal from

Afghanistan, and the reassignment of his roles, amounted to some suffering for his misdeeds.

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Feds hunt alleged war criminals

Federal officials have released the names of 30 suspected war criminals they say entered the country illegally.

The government launched a website Thursday identifying the suspects and is asking the public to report any information that could lead to their whereabouts.

There are stringent measures to prevent war criminals from entering the country, but it can be difficult to spot those who apply for asylum using false passports, he said.

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300 About 300 people are denied entry to Canada each year because of potential violations to human or international rights — Public Safety Minister Vic Toews



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Ping! Sounds like a scandal

► Scotland Yard to probe claim Murdoch's reporters paid police to ping — or track — cellphone signals

Embattled media mogul Rupert Murdoch must listen to a new noise in the already deafening phone-hacking scandal:

Pinging.

Scotland Yard was asked Thursday to look into claims that reporters at Murdoch's News of the World paid officers to obtain people's locations by pinging — tracking their cellphone signals.

The practice is known as pinging because of the way cellphone signals bounce or "ping" off relay towers.

Jenny Jones, a Green Party member of the Metropolitan Police Authority, cited claims that reporters

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London's Metropolitan Police says it's assigning 15 more officers to help the 45 already involved in the phone-hacking investigation.

at the now-defunct tabloid were able to trace mobile phones in return for payments to corrupt police officers.

Sean Hoare, a former News of the World reporter, said officers were paid nearly \$500 per trace.

Hoare was found dead Monday at his home near London. Police say the

death is not suspicious.

Pinging joins a host of alleged media misdeeds being put under the microscope as police, politicians and the public weigh allegations that News of the World journalists engaged in years of lawless behaviour to get scoops.

The crisis has shaken Murdoch's media empire and has led to resignations of two of Scotland Yard's most senior officers.

British politicians have felt the heat too, with the country's top two party leaders falling over each other to distance themselves from papers they once courted assiduously.

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Murdoch. Troubles mount



► Rupert Murdoch leaves his residence on New York's Fifth Avenue on Thursday.

LOUIS LANZANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

And even a 2012 Games deal turns sour

Rupert Murdoch's British newspapers are set to lose exclusive access to British athletes ahead of the 2012 London Olympics after the closure of the News of the World.

Team 2012, an initiative supporting British Olympians, had signed up News International as its official partner to help raise funds for athletes.

But the British branch of Murdoch's empire can no longer meet its Team 2012 obligations after the Sunday tabloid was closed.

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Now he faces lawsuits

As the phone-hacking scandal makes headlines in Britain, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. must confront at least two U.S.-based shareholder lawsuits, a possible Standard & Poor's credit downgrade and the beginnings of a federal investigation.

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► Hottest night ever in parts of Ontario, soaring daytime highs ► But power supply expected to meet demands

A night thick with muggy heat, clammy skin and sweaty sheets broke records in southern Ontario early Thursday and was followed by a day of blazing hot sunshine and searing temperatures.

The humidity dropped slightly after the soupy night, but soaring temperatures kept shirts clinging to lower backs as people began their morning commute under humidex values pushing 40 C.

To put it in perspective, most steam rooms are set at temperatures between 37 and 40 C.

"I'm standing in the shade just so that I don't get fried like eggs," said 24-



► Bystanders watch in Toronto as Science Centre staff attempt to fry an egg on the trunk of a car.

year-old Chris Parkinson outside of Toronto's Eaton Centre.

Weather watchers were keeping a keen eye on the mercury as it climbed close

to previous records. In Toronto the record downtown is 40.2 C, which was set during a heat wave in 1936. The record at Pearson International Airport is 38.3 C, which was set in 1948. It was likely higher there during the 1936 heat wave, but record-keeping didn't start at the airport until 1937.

In Windsor, records date back to 1940 and the hottest temperature on file is 40.2 C, which was set on June 25, 1988.

But what catches the eye of Environment Canada senior climatologist Dave Phillips more than the scorching daily highs are the nights that provide no relief. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► A man in reads in front of a pond in Montreal on Thursday.

34 C Environment Canada was forecasting highs of 34 C for Montreal yesterday.

38 C Toronto and Ottawa were expected to hit 38 C.

39 C Windsor, Ont., was set to hit 39 C, which, with the humidex, will feel closer to 50 C.



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► A Somali woman holds her malnourished child in their makeshift shelter in Mogadishu on Thursday. Thousands of people have arrived in Mogadishu over the past two weeks seeking assistance. The number is increasing by the day, due to lack of water and food.

Somali families are desperate

► While soldiers beat back people fighting over food supplies, the UN appeals for \$300 million to help

Somali soldiers beat back desperate families with gun butts Thursday as they fought for food supplies in front of a weeping diplomat, a day after the UN declared parts of the country were suffering from the worst famine in a generation. "I will knock on every door I can to help you," the African Union envoy to Somalia, Jerry Rawlings, told the gathered families in the capital, Mogadishu.

Somalia's civil war is partly to blame for turning the drought into a famine. Analysts warned aid agencies could be airlifting emergency supplies to the failed state 20 years from now unless the UN-backed government improves. The UN has appealed for \$300 million over the next two months and aid agencies warn it will take at least \$1 billion to provide food, medicine and shelter for 11 million

people in East Africa until the end of 2011.

The UN believes tens of thousands have already died in the inaccessible interior, held by al-Qaida linked Islamist rebels who denied many aid agencies access for two years.

The thorny scrub around the overflowing refugee camps in Kenya is littered with tiny corpses abandoned by mothers too weak to dig their children a grave. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MISSILE TESTING

India says missile test a success

India successfully tested a new quick-reaction tactical missile Thursday and will use it in battlefield support for the army, the Defence Ministry said.

The surface-to-surface "Prahaar" missile — meaning "attack" in Hin-

di — can carry a variety of warheads weighing up to 200 kilograms and hit targets 150 kilometres away.

India's missiles are mostly intended for any confrontation with neighbouring Pakistan, but both countries routinely test theirs, so India's latest was unlikely to aggravate tensions.

The missile is meant to provide a "cost-effective, quick-reaction, all-weather, all-terrain, high-accurate battlefield support tactical system," the ministry said.

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U.K. Prince resigns from post amid pressure

Prince Andrew, the queen's second son, has stepped down as a British trade envoy, Buckingham Palace confirmed Thursday. The palace said that Andrew will continue to support U.K. interests.

Andrew faced pressure to relinquish his post because of a string of unfortunate relationships.

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Atlantis makes final touchdown

► Darkness robbed almost all views of shuttle approaching for last time, making it more of NASA family affair

Atlantis and four astronauts returned from the International Space Station in triumph Thursday, bringing an end to NASA's 30-year shuttle journey with one last, rousing touchdown that drew cheers and tears.

Thousands gathered near the landing strip and packed Kennedy Space Center, and countless others watched from afar, as NASA's longest-running spaceflight program came to a close.

"After serving the world for over 30 years, the space shuttle's earned its place in history. And it's come to a final stop," commander Christopher Ferguson ra-

diomed after a ghostlike Atlantis glided through the twilight.

"Job well done, America," replied Mission Control.

With the space shuttles retiring to museums, it will be another three to five years at best before Americans are launched again from U.S. soil, as private companies gear up to seize the Earth-to-orbit-and-back baton from NASA.

The long-term future for American space exploration is just as hazy, a huge concern for many at NASA and all those losing their jobs because of the shuttle's end. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



"The space shuttle has changed the way we view the world and it's changed the way we view our universe. There's a lot of emotion today, but one thing's indisputable: America's not going to stop exploring."

ATLANTIS COMMANDER
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► Space Shuttle Atlantis comes to a complete stop at the Kennedy Space Center landing strip at Cape Canaveral Thursday. The landing of Atlantis marks the end of NASA's 30-year space shuttle program.



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Canada salutes end of shuttle era

As the sun rose over the Canadian Space Agency south of Montreal, a handful of officials watched on a giant screen as the shuttle Atlantis touched down for a final time at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Pierre Jean, Canada's program manager for the International Space Station, was feeling melancholy.

"You temper the sadness of seeing the life of one amazing vehicle come to

the end, knowing that there's something in the future," he said.

Jean points out that the Canadian space program has always relied on other partners for launch capabilities to space.

A Russian Soyuz will carry Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield to the orbiting space lab in 2012 and all flights to the space station during the next few years will be through the Soyuz. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Innovations

- ▶ The 30-year shuttle program is credited with ushering in many innovations.
- ▶ They include a miniaturized heart pump, metal alloys that sparked a new line of golf clubs, better baby formula and a golden age of Canadian robotics.
- ▶ The final flight of Atlantis carried one of three remaining Canadarm robots, which will eventually end up in a U.S. museum.
- ▶ But the original robotic arm, which was taken into space in 1981, was recently retired with the shuttle Endeavour and will be returned to Canada later this year.
- ▶ Eight Canadian astronauts have flown 14 times on the U.S. fleet of space shuttles.

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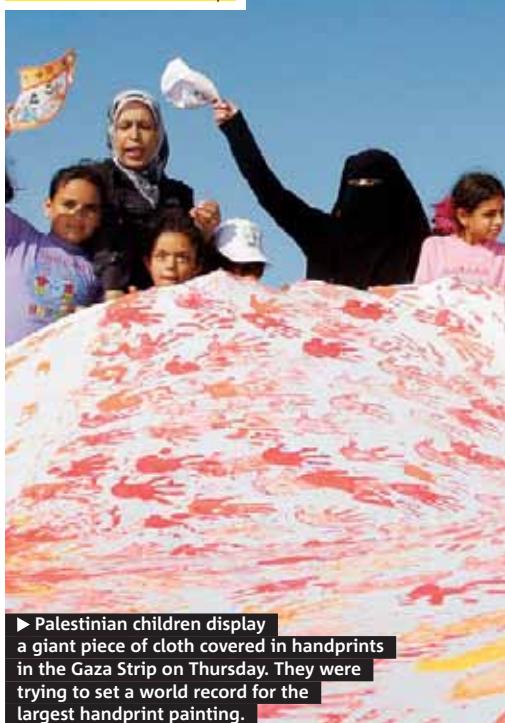
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He lived through hell in a mine trap ... with Elvis

► Freed Chilean miner heading to Collingwood Elvis Festival

Trapped for months deep underground, Edison Pena found comfort in Elvis.

Pena, missing his wife and small daughter while stuck in a Chilean copper mine with 32 other men, would listen to Are You Lonesome Tonight? and run mile after mile in the dark to take his mind off his loneliness.

"I believe Elvis stayed with me at my lowest moments down there and encouraged me to wait for help," said Pena.

His love for the King brought him to Ontario Thursday, to attend the



Collingwood Elvis Festival.

One of 33 men trapped for 69 days underground in Copiapo, Chile, before a dramatic rescue that was watched around the world, Pena became famous during the ordeal for his daily runs in mining boots.

Pena, 35, arrived at Pearson International Airport Thursday morning in a black suit, blue suede shoes and gold sunglasses.

Now he'll be part of what Collingwood calls "the largest Elvis festival in the world."

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Pena Q and A

Diehard Elvis fan Edison Pena reveals more of his love for the King.

- **What's your all-time favourite Elvis song?** Blue Suede Shoes and Are You Lonesome Tonight?
- **Is Elvis alive?** Yes. He's alive in me.
- **Do you prefer fat Elvis or skinny Elvis?** Both. But fat Elvis, singing Unchained Melody, is the best.
- **What's your favourite Elvis movie?** King Creole.
- **What's the cheesiest Elvis souvenir you have?** I got a plastic figure at Graceland that you press a button and on its own it sings "One for the money, two for the show."



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Israel's PM woos Arabic TV viewers

Israel's prime minister turned to the Arabic media Thursday for the first time since taking office two years ago in an attempt to lure the Palestinians back to peace talks, saying "everything is on the table."

Benjamin Netanyahu's interview with the Al-Arabiya satellite channel reflects Israeli concerns over

Palestinian plans to seek U.N. recognition of their independence this fall.

Netanyahu's office called the move "the beginning of a new era" and promised more such interviews in the near future.

On TV, Netanyahu said he is willing to negotiate with anyone who accepts Israel's right to exist.

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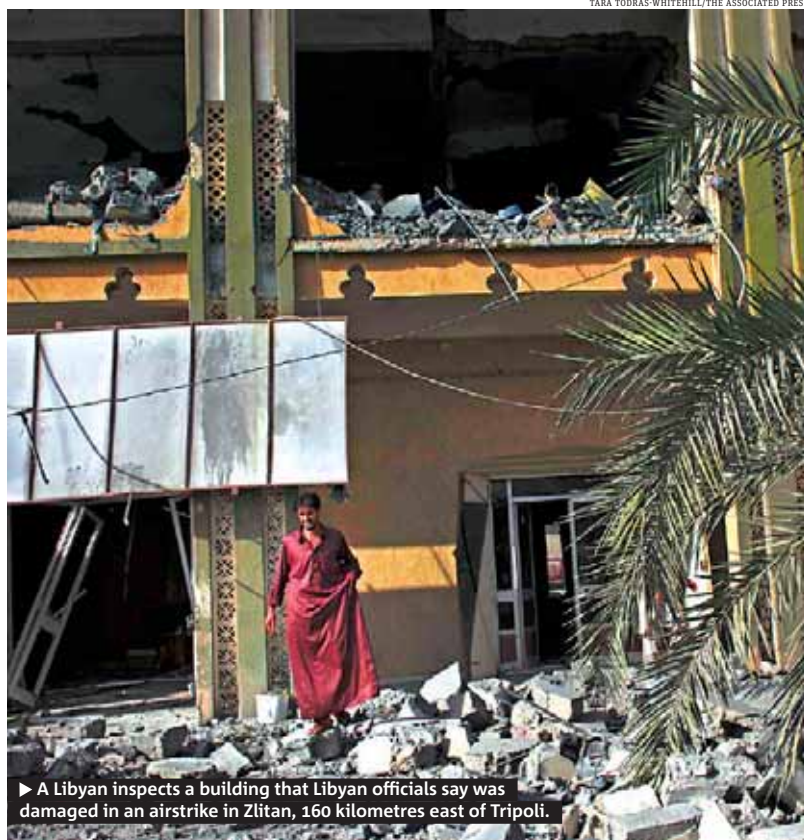
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► A Libyan inspects a building that Libyan officials say was damaged in an airstrike in Zlitan, 160 kilometres east of Tripoli.

Gadhafi's backup plan

► **Libya rebels: Oil installations booby-trapped by Gadhafi forces**

Libyan ruler Moammar Gadhafi's troops have booby-trapped petroleum installations in the strategic oil port of Brega so they can be blown up if his regime loses the town, a top rebel official said Thursday.

Mahmoud Jibril, the rebels' diplomatic chief, also said Gadhafi's forces have booby-trapped oil fields. He did not state which fields. While Brega

is a key oil-processing and shipment hub, the fields that feed it lie far to the south in the Libyan desert.

"Unfortunately, Brega is a big minefield right now," Jibril told reporters after meeting with Spanish Foreign Minister Trinidad Jimenez. "We discovered that they planted mines all over the place. Even some oil establishments, some oil fields, have been full of bombs, explosives."

Rebels hold most of eastern Libya, but their push to seize Brega since last week unravelled Tuesday when 27 rebels were killed in shelling by Gadhafi's troops.

Their forces have since pulled back from the city amid hopes that Gadhafi's forces will surrender, and Jibril said rebel fighters "are circulating Brega from all fronts right now."

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STATISTIC

Crime rate fell again in 2010

Canada's crime rate fell last year to its lowest level in nearly four decades — a statistic opposition MPs claim as proof the governing Conservatives need not spend billions on new jails.

But academics say the debate in Ottawa has everything to do with

politics and nothing to do with reality, since the rates of crime and incarceration are not actually connected.

So what's behind the drop? The experts point the finger at shifting demographics.

Their theory goes like this: the number of young people in this country is shrinking. Younger people tend to commit more crimes than older people. So if there are fewer younger people, it follows there will also be less crime.

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10 dead after Malawi protests

Malawi's president lashed out at anti-government demonstrators Thursday, as two days of protests left at least 10 people dead in unprecedented levels of unrest in this southern African nation.

Hospital officials and activists said the victims had been shot with live ammunition.

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Fake Apples in China?

It looks almost exactly like a sleek Apple store. Sales assistants in blue T-shirts with the company's logo chat with customers. Signs advertising the iPad 2 hang on the white walls. Outside, the famous logo sits next to the words Apple Store.

China, long known for producing counterfeit consumer gadgets, software and brand name clothing, has reached a piracy milestone — fake Apple stores.

An American who lives

in Kunming in southern Yunnan province said Thursday that she stumbled on three shops masquerading as Apple stores. She posted photos on her BirdAbroad blog. The 27-year-old, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the set-up was convincing.

"It had the classic Apple store winding staircase and weird upstairs sitting area," she wrote.

"But some things were just not right: the stairs

were poorly made. The walls hadn't been painted properly."

A worker at a fake Apple store told The Associated Press that they "are" an Apple store before hanging up.

Amy Bessette, an Apple spokeswoman, said it had no comment on the Chinese stores, but pointed to a web page on Apple's Chinese site that lists its authorized resellers.

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► A shopkeeper dressed as an Apple store employee looks out from a window of a shop masquerading as a bona fide Apple store in downtown Kunming, in southwest China's Yunnan province on Thursday.

News in brief

Layoffs on rise in U.S.

More people in the U.S. applied for unemployment benefits last week, evidence that layoffs are rising and the American job market is weak. The U.S. Labor Department says applications for unemployment benefits rose by 10,000 to a seasonally adjusted 418,000.

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Loblaws to find 'sweet spot' in sales

Rising food prices are an item on the radar of Loblaw executives as they chart the grocery chain's course this year. The ideal strategy is to find a pricing "sweet spot" where sales volumes don't suffer, says president and CEO Allan Leighton. "There's a lot of inflation in commodities ... 50 or 60 per cent of food produced in Canada is for domestic use," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Loonie at 3.5 year high

The Canadian dollar surged to a three-and-a-half year high Thursday as the Bank of Canada prepared markets for an eventual hike in interest rates. Nervous investors diversified some holdings into the loonie. The currency was up 0.31 of a cent to 105.86 cents US after earlier running up as high as 106.11 cents US.

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Sell now before the cool down: Economists

The time may be right for Canadian homeowners to consider selling as industry experts forecast that prices should soon hit a peak and at best flatten — if not undergo precipitous declines — over the next few years.

The Royal Bank forecast Thursday that the Canadian market will return to a period of much slower sales

and pricing growth not seen for about 15 years.

"Going forward, the housing market will look much like the second half of 1990s, with minimum growth in resales and minimum growth if any in terms of pricing," said senior economist Robert Hogue.

In its housing market

outlook report, the bank forecast that home resales will grow by 0.9 per cent this year and remain unchanged in 2012, while home prices will increase by 4.4 per cent this year and a slight 0.4 per cent in 2012.

That would mark a moderation or cooling off from strong growth enjoyed between 2002 and 2008. That

period was followed by volatility caused by the global recession and domestic policy changes — such as a sharp drop in interest rates, three rounds of mortgage rule changes and the introduction of the HST in Ontario and British Columbia.

"We are taking a more sanguine view on the econ-

omy than other analysts out there," Hogue noted.

RBC expects Canada's economy will grow by about three per cent this year and next and continue to generate more jobs and income to offset the cooling effect from higher interest rates. "It's more of a soft landing,

The bank's July forecast

is similar to past outlooks and reflects a view of many of Canada's chartered banks and the Bank of Canada.

But, TD recently forecast that prices will decrease by 10 per cent over the next two years, accompanied by a 15 per cent decline in sales.

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U.S. jobless rate rises

More people in the United States applied for unemployment benefits last week, evidence the American job market is weak. The U.S. Labor Department says applications for unemployment benefits rose by 10,000 to a seasonally adjusted 418,000. The four-week average dipped to 421,250. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Loonie rises again to \$105.86

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AT&T sees net rise in subscribers

AT&T saw a rebound in the number of new contract subscribers in the second quarter. The country's largest telecom said yesterday that it added a net 331,000 new subscribers on contract-based plans, up from a record low of 62,000 in the first quarter. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pharmacy companies merge

Express Scripts and Medco Health Solutions, the largest U.S. pharmacy benefits companies, say they will combine in a deal worth US\$29.1 billion in cash and stock. Combined, the companies handled more than 1.7 billion prescriptions in 2010. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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EU agrees on second bailout for Greece

► Eurozone to contribute \$155B ► Euro rises on news

Eurozone leaders agreed yesterday to a sweeping deal that will grant Greece a massive new bailout and to radically reshape the currency union's rescue fund, allowing it to act pre-emptively when crises build up.

The deal resolves a politi-

cal deadlock between Europe's top economic authorities over how to save Greece that had investors worried the debt crisis would spin out of control. Faced with the danger of big economies like Italy becoming unstable, the of-

ficials sought to outdo expectations at an emergency meeting in Brussels.

The eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund will give Greece a second bailout worth US\$155 billion, on top of the euro \$158 billion

granted a year ago.

Banks and other private investors will contribute some \$71 billion to the rescue package until 2014 by either rolling over Greek bonds that they hold, swapping them for new ones with lower interest rates or selling the bonds back to Greece at a low price.

"For the first time since the beginning of this crisis, we can say that the politics and the markets are coming together," said European Commission President Jose Manuel Bar-



► Lines of striking taxis are parked during a protest near Athens yesterday. Taxi owners are angry at decisions by the Socialist government in crisis-hit Greece to loosen restrictions on licensing rules as part of its austerity program.



Assembly plant in Windsor, Ontario.

Chrysler repays final loan

► Federal and Ontario governments now out of the auto business

The federal and Ontario governments have sold their remaining stakes in automaker Chrysler to its parent company Italian car producer Fiat for US\$140 million.

The sale, announced yesterday, is essentially the final repayment of Canadian government

loans to the automaker two years ago as part of a \$1.7-billion bailout to help the Detroit company survive the North American auto sector's worst downturn ever.

The two Canadian governments received about a 1.7 per cent stake in Chrysler when they initial-

ly made the loans, as part of a wider bailout led by the United States government.

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Initial reaction from markets and analysts to yesterday's deal was cautiously positive. The euro, which had rallied sharply on expectation of the deal, rose further to gain 1.2 per cent against the dollar.

The deal on involving private creditors is widely expected to be considered a "selective default" by the ratings agencies, making Greece the first euro country to ever be in default - if likely only for a short period of time.

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Reaction

- **Stocks, bonds and the euro** rallied sharply on hopes that the deal will be a turning point in the eurozone's 18-month debt crisis.
- **Growing market panic** has weighed on the single currency and forced already bailed out Greece, Portugal and Ireland as well as struggling Spain and Italy to make billions of euros in cuts.
- **A draft of the deal** said that banks and other private investors that own

Greek bonds have agreed to contribute to the rescue of the country.

- **Ratings agencies** have long warned that such measures would be seen as a form of Greek default on its loans, a first for a eurozone country and a potential cause of devastating loss of confidence in the other heavily indebted nations.
- **Markets** appeared to be seeing the draft measures as less harmful than expected, however, fueling the rally.

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1 **Piegate & The Slap:** A British parliamentary hearing Tuesday into the News of the World phone-hacking scandal turned into a gong show when comedian/activist

"Jonnie Marbles" live-tweeted his pie toss at media mogul Rupert Murdoch, who was eating humble pie for his paper's wrongdoings.

Murdoch's wife, Wendi Deng, became an instant hero, leaping up and directing an epic slap at Marbles.

Girl power!

2 **Justin Bieber The Wedding Crasher:** It didn't have the comic effect of Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson, but nonetheless the "Omigod!" factor was huge when Justin Bieber and girlfriend Selena Gomez (who turns 19 Friday, FYI) crashed a Malibu wedding party last weekend.

The Biebs tweeted after the fact, "WEDDING CRASHERS last night! hahaha. too funny. crazy story."

3 **Ottawa Bluesfest:** Cheap Trick brought the house down, literally, on Sunday night during a performance at Bluesfest.

A huge storm suddenly blew in out of nowhere, knocking the entire stage down where they were playing. The band managed to get off the stage just before it crumpled to the ground.

This incident gives new meaning to their classic hit, Surrender.

4 **Moneyball:** Brad Pitt's Moneyball, based on the 2003 bestseller on the "sabermetric" approach to assembling a winning major league baseball team, comes out in September.

And even though Moneyball's myths are exposed in a new book The Beauty of Short Hops: How Chance and Circumstance Confound the Moneyball Approach to Baseball, a Brad Pitt baseball movie will be a box office home run.

5 **Elton John in Oshawa:** If you're an Elton fan and you live near the 'Shwa, Friday is your order day: Yes, the Rocket Man is playing General Motors Centre Sept. 9 and tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m.

Call 1-877-436-8811 or go to the website: generalmotorscentre.com.

If you don't manage to score tix, well, I guess that's why they call it the blues.

6 **Lollapalooza Turns 20:** The 20th anniversary edition is coming up August 5-7 at Grant Park in Chicago, and while the festival has gone mainstream (Eminem and Coldplay are part of this year's lineup) from its alternative/grunge roots, it's great to see it thriving again.

Go to Lollapalooza.com to check out the special video series they're doing to commemorate the anniversary.

Follow Neil Morton on Twitter (@neilmorton).



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Local tweets



► **@jocegirl:** It's so humid in #hottawa, it's womb temperature outside! #ilovemyAC

► **@emissfish:** I declare it to be pizza night. And I'm not cooking it. #hottawa

► **@Killswitch_43_:** No AC in the car on the way home = straight into the pool #hottawa #refreshment

► **@zchamu:** @Finola coulda just thrown the steaks on the driveway, really. #hottawa

► **@darcyknoll:** The meat thermometer says the temp inside my apartment is 33.4C. Stick a fork in me, I'm done. #hottawa

► **@krusk:** Fairly certain I can cook on the BBQ tonight without actually turning it on. #hottawa

► **@BlaiseHebert:** My hair is melting... Meeeee!!!!!! #hottawa

► **@cynthiabland:** Shout out to the radiology staff at QCH in #Ottawa. They ran on time and put me at ease. MRI now done and I'm grateful for that!

Worth Mentioning

MUSLIMS. Attitudes toward Muslims have become slightly more positive in the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Russia compared to five years ago, though negative views between Muslim countries and the West persist on both sides, a Pew Center survey found.

The survey, by Pew's Global Attitudes Project, found majorities of Muslims surveyed in five of six Muslim-dominant countries and the Palestinian territories described non-Muslim Westerners as selfish and greedy.

In all of the six Western countries surveyed, less than 30 per cent of non-Muslims said they consider Muslims respectful of women.

Ten years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks against the World Trade Centre in the United States, Muslims in the Middle East and Asia and non-Muslims both have concern about Islamic extremism.

The surveys were conducted between late March and mid-May.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Holy cow! You need to moo-ve out of the way

A Danish cyclist competing in Italy's Brixia Tour stage race says he has broken his collar bone and suffered concussion after crashing into cattle that had strayed onto the course.

Twenty-year-old Martin Lind, who races for Denmark's Christina Watchers team, tells The Associated Press on Thursday that he was riding downhill at around 60 kilometres per hour

when the animals suddenly wandered onto the road and into the peloton.

Lind says he was knocked unconscious when "two cows, or bulls, just came in from the side" in Wednesday's first stage of the three-day race. He was admitted to a nearby hospital and released a few hours later.

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Plot synopsis

After being rejected by the U.S. Army, Steve Rogers (Chris Evans), determined to join his friends and country in the fight against Hitler, volunteers for Project: Rebirth, a secret military operation, where he is transformed into a muscle-bound super-soldier nicknamed Captain America. He and sidekick Bucky Barnes (Sebastian Stan) take on the Red Skull (Hugo Weaving), Hitler's head of advanced weaponry.

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●●

Mark: ●●●

Reel Guys

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► Chris Evans in Captain America.

Old-fashioned action

► Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin agree that Captain America is more of an action flick than another superhero movie ► But it has flaws, like sloppy CGI

Richard Crouse: Mark, I went into this with low expectations. I'm kind of superheroed out these days, but I was pleasantly surprised. It's a bit long, but it doesn't feel like the other hero movies we've seen recently. The hipness of Iron Man is absent, the jokey feel of Thor is gone. Instead, this is an old-fashioned action adventure movie with extraordinary poets at the heart of it. What did you think?

Mark Breslin: I'm superheroed out as well but this guy's no superhero: he's an enhanced mesomorph with a magic frisbee! The movie works as an action flick, but it's missing the irony of the source materi-

al. Is America so desperate to believe in its military that it has to go back to "the last good war" to feel good about itself? And I have other complaints too, like the sloppy CGI. In the beginning, Chris Evans as a 99-pound weakling looked like a bad photo-shopped pic from 2003.

RC: I liked its lack of irony. Perhaps part of the appeal is that in the complicated times we live in it's refreshing to see a movie that harkens back to a simpler time when the enemy was easily identifiable and a strong guy with a colourful shield and plenty of heart could be a hero. The pre-mesomorph Evans may have been a bit sloppy CGI-

wise, but you have to admit, Red Skull's lack of identifiable facial features was a nice villainous touch.

MB: It may say too much about me that I always enjoy the villain rather than the hero. And Hugo Weaving was very good indeed, especially with his red skull. And Tommy Lee Jones always brings his game to a movie, even if the role was rote. Same with Stanley Tucci and Toby Young. The satiric USO tour sequence was fun. And I liked the way the movie ended. See, Richard? I can find the good in anything, even jingoistic propaganda.

RC: I know it's jingoistic

propaganda, but it's 1940s jingoistic propaganda! I liked the way the movie paid tribute to the rah-rah movies of WWII and B movies of the period. The bad guys are really bad, but never fear! The good guys are better. Where else are you going to see giant bombs, each labeled for extra evil effect with the name of the city they are meant to destroy?

MB: The labeling of the bombs was exactly what I wanted more of! I would forgive this movie its flaws if its strengths were greater. But it's mostly derivative storytelling, choppy editing and unmemorable dialogue. Good action, though.

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Scene in brief



Kim Kardashian wants Old Navy to stop using a Canadian lookalike to advertise its clothing. The reality show starlet is suing the clothing store and its parent company, The Gap Inc., in a Los Angeles federal court alleging their ads violated her publicity rights with ads that feature a woman who looks like her.

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Twilight stars surprise fans at Comic-Con

Early risers among Twilight fans have gotten a chance to see what some of their big-screen idols look like first thing in the morning.

Not long after dawn broke Thursday, Ashley Greene, Nikki Reed, Elizabeth Reaser and other co-stars of the supernatural movie franchise made a surprise visit to greet fans who had camped out for days to catch a preview of the next Twilight flick at Comic-Con.

Greene, Reed and Reaser, who play members of the Cullen vampire family in Twilight, were joined by Julia Jones and Boo Boo Stewart, who co-star as kinfolk in the rival werewolf pack.

The actors signed Twilight posters, mugs and other movie memorabilia, posed for pictures with



► Actress Nikki Reed signs autographs for Twilight fans during 2011 Comic-Con in San Diego.

fans and even served some breakfast goodies to "Twihards," some of whom were in line since Monday afternoon to get into the preview at Comic-Con, a massive gathering for fans of comics, video games, television and film.

"I am a morning person, but this is definitely early, getting up at 4:30," Reed said. "But when people

have been camped out since Monday, you just feel it's a good idea to come out and surprise them."

"I feel like this is our time to get out and have actual experiences with fans," Reaser said. "Being out here with them makes me feel the films are special, important and really mean something to them."

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Movie reviews



Friends with Benefits

Genre: Comedy

Director: Will Gluck

Stars: Mila Kunis, Justin Timberlake

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In the inevitable comparison between Friends with Benefits and January's No Strings Attached, the newer film,

starring Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis, comes out on top. The comedy is sharper, the pace brisker, and while Timberlake is alarmingly limited as an actor, he's vastly preferable to Ashton Kutcher in No Strings Attached. Kunis does the heavy lifting to

make up for her partner's blandness, and she nearly runs away with the movie. The only real fault is an emotional storyline about Timberlake's character's father and Alzheimer's, which grounds the movie to a halt.

● NED EHRBAR

"Must see comedy of the summer"

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"A hilarious and sexy film"

Heather Catlin, WSB-TV (ABC)

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Submarine

Genre: Comedy

Director: Richard Ayoade

Stars: Craig Roberts, Sally Hawkins, Paddy Considine

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Darkplace creator Richard Ayoade transitions into feature film directing with this surprisingly dark coming-of-age comedy about an awkward teen, the eczema scarred arsonist he loves, and the new-age guru trying to steal his mother. It's a shockingly assured directorial debut for the former TV comic that may riff a little too heavily on Ayoade's cinematic influences, but that's excusable on a first effort. Submarine is an odd, hilarious and deftly resonant film to forever highlight on his resumé. ● PHIL BROWN



Good Neighbours

Genre: Thriller

Director: Jacob Tierney

Stars: Jay Baruchel, Scott Speedman, Emily Hampshire

🌐🌐½

A thriller about friendship, serial killers and lies set against the backdrop of the 1995 referendum on the separation of Quebec, Good Neighbours has a Twin Peaks feel. That is, if that show had been directed by Dario Argento. The lives of three neighbours in a Notre-Dame-de-Grace neighbourhood walk-up become entwined, leading to murder — dead cats and tenants — suspicion and double and triple crosses. The undeniable sweetness director Jacob Tierney brought to his last film The Trotsky is out the window, replaced by a delicious sense of mischief and mayhem. ● RICHARD CROUSE



The Conspirator

Genre: Historical drama

Director: Robert Redford

Stars: James McAvoy, Robin Wright, Kevin Kline

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This widely unknown story of an accused female co-conspirator in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln sets the stage for meaty revelations about the Civil War era judicial system. Robin Wright makes every gesture count in her moving portrayal of Mary Surratt in whose boarding house John Wilkes Booth and her son hatched their dastardly plot. Redford draws clear comparisons between individual rights and freedom in a film that may not be sexy but is absorbing.

● ANNE BRODIE



Circo

Genre: Documentary

Director: Aaron Shock

🌐🌐½

A multi-generational Mexican circus troupe gets profiled in Aaron Schock's detailed and visually accomplished documentary: rather than romanticizing life under the big top, Circo simply stays attuned to its urgent, erratic rhythms. The film also works as a portrait of a country in social and economic transition, and as a consideration of the role of old-school tradition in an increasingly modernizing culture.

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Crazy, lovely Emma Stone

► Once known as 'the girl in Superbad,' Stone is morphing into Hollywood's fave comic leading lady

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There's an obvious reason why Emma Stone is quickly becoming the most in-demand comedic actress in Hollywood.

The 22-year-old Scottsdale, Ariz., native bursts into a room at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City in an emerald satin dress, holding a bottle Diet Dr Pepper ("It's my weird vice lately," she admits) and enthusiastically bids us a hearty "Heyyyyyyyyy!" with a comically grand flourish of her arms. Her charm is disarming.

But you'd also know that from watching her growing list of films, from her debut in *Superbad* to *Zombieland*, to her first starring role in last fall's hit film *Easy A*. Stone at 22 is already high up on the Hollywood food chain. This summer alone she's promoting three films: last week's *Friends with Benefits*, this week's *Crazy, Stupid, Love* and *The*



► Emma Stone in *Crazy Stupid Love*.

Help, in which she once again has a starring role.

Stone's enthusiasm during the *Crazy, Stupid, Love* junket is particularly impressive considering that doing press for the latter two films at once has caused her to log in enough air miles to make some kind of world record.

"This is day nine," she explains as she begins to count off cities on her fingertips. "I was in L.A., then San Francisco, then Chicago, then Boston, then here. That's been this week. Then I leave for L.A. on Wednesday and then San Diego and then back to L.A. and then

to Jackson and then New York and then L.A. and then back to New York."

But she doesn't seem bothered by all the activity, even if she's annoyed at herself from time to time.

"If you [already] hated the sound of your own voice, by the end, man, you really hate the sound of your own voice," she says with an exaggerated eye roll.

"And then you hate your opinions and your answers. That's just been my general experience. I feel like I'm not really here right now. I feel like I'm hallucinating a little bit."

Harris on Smurfs

► Actor Neil Patrick Harris shares his grown-up thoughts about the beloved childrens' franchise



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Aside from getting the chance to help update a beloved franchise, there was one main draw about starring in the *Smurfs* for Neil Patrick Harris: It was nothing like his over-the-top *How I Met Your Mother* character.

"I spend six-and-a-half, seven months a year playing the chewing-on-the-scenery Barney Stinson, and so I look for a role that is different than him in some way during my off time," he says. And his character, Patrick Winslow, a father-to-be and put-upon marketing exec whose New York apartment becomes a hideout for *Smurfs*, is indeed nothing like Barney.

The character is also apparently a departure from Harris himself, who admits he wouldn't be as welcoming as his on-screen persona if a gaggle of little blue people were to invade his home.

"I'd probably Taze them and keep them in a small box and quickly find a reality show or some way to make a profit from it, and travel around like the Warner Bros. cartoon with



► Neil Patrick Harris in *The Smurfs*

the frog," he says before stopping to consider the severity of his answer. "I'm Gargamel, apparently."

The notoriously sunny actor strays to the darker side of humour again when pressed on what his *Smurf* name would be, were he to suddenly find himself three apples high.

"I'd be Snuff Smurf, and I'd end the suffering of all the dying smurfs everywhere," he says, grinning, before thinking better of himself. "That was a dark answer," he says. "Let's say Magical Smurf because I like magic."

Just because Harris has now starred alongside the legendary *Smurfs* doesn't

mean all his *Smurf*-related questions have been answered. "Who's shagging Smurfette, really? They always kind of go, 'Ooh,' and then they pass out, but I want to know what's going on late at night in Smurf Village," he says. "Does she get passed from Smurf to Smurf? Is she a one-Smurf girl? Is Papa involved? That doesn't seem right at all. She could swing the other way."

While Harris has been having fun exploring the world of *Smurfs* over the summer, it will soon be time to get back to work on his hit sitcom — not that he knows exactly what's happening next.

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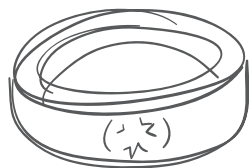
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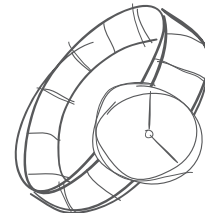
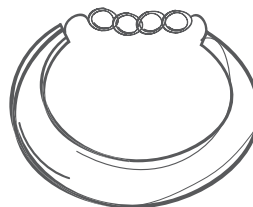
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The search for a family cottage isn't as easy as one might think. It's location, amenities, activities for the kids and more importantly fitting the purchase into the family budget. Everyone has a favourite memory of spending summers at the cottage and if you don't you must have heard a story or two.

The cottage experience is as Canadian as peameal bacon or real maple syrup and should be experienced by everyone at least once in their life. Sitting by a campfire roasting hot dogs, making "spider dogs" or toasting marshmallows, making "s'mores" is a rite of passage for any young camper.

As we looked into cottages we found it was quite simple to find something to rent but what about ownership? The thought of being able to escape after a long week at work would be great. Along with my kids having a safe and memorable place to spend their summers would be more than perfect.

After a lot of research what we found is, that cottages can be very expensive to say the least. Gone were the days when I grew up, where a \$20,000 investment got you a family cottage on the lake. The cottages we liked seemed to cost as much as our home if not more, with some

over four hundred thousand dollars. The more we thought about cottage ownership the more we realized it would mean two houses to maintain financially and physically. After all the whole idea was to get away from cutting grass and fixing things so I could spend more time with my children and simply relaxing.

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► Michael Bublé says that he wanted to make "the quintessential Christmas record."

A very Bublé Christmas

► Michael Bublé recording Christmas album, including duet with Shania Twain

All Michael Bublé wants for Christmas is Shania Twain — and it looks like his wish has been granted.

In a live video chat with fans this week, Bublé revealed that he's been recording a Christmas album and he's already done a splashy duet with his fellow Canuck pop star.

"There's a couple duets that I really like, one with Shania Twain, which is really fantastic," Bublé said in a video streamed from the historic Capitol Studios in Los Angeles.

"White Christmas, we did. We did it bouncy. I was inspired by Home Alone, the Drifters."

The Burnaby, B.C., native said that the record would be helmed by Canadian producers David Foster and Bob Rock.

And while he hasn't finalized the track list yet, he says he's also recorded Jingle Bells with the U.K. swing trio the Pupini Sisters, as well as versions of Blue Christmas, Mariah Carey's All I Want For Christmas is You and an original track penned with musical director Alan Chang.

Though Bublé didn't indicate when the Christ-

"I know this is going to sound weird, but I think you guys can expect probably the best album I've made so far." MICHAEL BUBLÉ

mas record would be released, his enthusiasm for the project was obvious.

"I wanted to make the quintessential Christmas record," said the three-time Grammy winner.

"I wanted to make a record that would outlive me, and I wanted to do for people what Bing Crosby did for me. He introduced me

to the world of jazz and melody.

"And I didn't want to be hip or edgy. I just wanted to make a really sweet Christmas record that kids can grow up with."

Although the 35-year-old issued a Christmas EP in 2003 called Let it Snow, he dismissed that project now and said this was the holiday-themed record he had been waiting to make.

"I wanted to record this album from the start. The truth is, the only reason I didn't do it is because I felt like I had to establish myself more as an artist before I gave myself the opportunity to put out a Christmas record," he said.

"We did an EP years and years ago, it was six songs, but that was-

Ready for kids?

- Aside from discussing his Christmas album, Bublé eagerly entertained wide-ranging questions from the 2,000-plus fans who tuned in to the chat.
- The irreverent crooner held court on his wine of choice, whether he would ever head to Broadway (he's been offered to do a "bunch of musicals," he responded, but isn't interested in staying in one place that long) and even how he would assemble his dream dinner party, including guests living or dead.
- "I would have my wife, I'd have Jennifer Aniston, Angelina Jolie, Claudia Schiffer and David Copperfield — because I think that David could trick them into doing it with me. Magic," he said, smiling.
- But the newlywed — who married Argentine actress Luisana Lopilato in the spring — got serious when asked about where he saw himself in five years.
- "You know what, I want to have kids," said Bublé. "I'm pretty ready in my life and I think my wife is too."

n't mine. I was just a kid, and I sort of just sang on it. And even the arrangements weren't mine. ... I didn't have my imprint on it except for the voice."

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As you may have heard elsewhere, I, er, have some extra time on my hands.

For the first time since Grade 9, I find myself with a summer off. Which is fine, actually. The dog is being thoroughly walked, the garage is immaculately power-washed and I'm nearing the mythical state known as Inbox Zero.

Most importantly, though, I'm finally going through that massive pile of unread books and magazines on the floor of my

home office. Here are a few of the (mostly) useless things I've learned over the last couple of weeks:

- Dolly Parton has released a staggering 94 albums in her career and thanks to songs like Whitney Houston's cover of her I Will Always Love You for The Bodyguard soundtrack (which has sold more than 40 million copies worldwide) has a personal worth of about \$900 million.

- Remember EMF and their No. 1 one-hit-wonder, Unbelievable from 1990? Keyboardist Ian Dench is



► Dolly Parton

rolling in cash after years of writing hits for Beyoncé and Shakira.

- Comedian Ricky Ger-

vais was of a techno-pop duo called Seona Dancing (correctly pronounced as "Shawna Dancing") in the early 80s. They were a miserable failure except for a song called More to Lose, which became a substantial hit in the Philippines.

- Chris Martin of Coldplay has an honours degree in Greek and Latin.

- Buzz band Foster the People was originally called Foster & the People after singer Mark Foster, but when audiences kept mishearing the name as "Foster the People," they

made the switch.

- Adele says she was inspired to get into music by the Spice Girls. Her earliest gigs featured her singing songs like Wannabe.

- For this final stage of U2's 360 Tour, the band flies in around 5 p.m., plays the gig and is back on their private plane by midnight.

- Sales of CDs are now so weak it's possible to make it onto the Canadian Top 200 album chart by selling fewer than 200 copies.

Like father, eventually like son

► Eldest son of Bob Marley uses new album to both embrace and push away from family legacy

Ziggy Marley is proudly carrying on his father's musical legacy, but he wants to remind reggae lovers of their differences.

In a new album, the 42-year-old eldest son of Bob Marley reflects on lessons learned from his dad, who died at age 36 from cancer.

On the tune *The Roads Less Travelled*, he sings about his father's womanizing ways and inability to shed "yes men" in success: "My daddy had a lot of women, and my mama had a lot of grief. The bredrens (friends) that surrounded him became the enemies."

Marley said in an interview that while he's happy to expand his and his family's brand — whether with a *Marijuana Man* comic book or a Marley's Mellow Mood "relaxation drink" —

he's kept his circle of friends small and purposefully avoided accumulating any sort of entourage.

"I'd rather be by myself really than have like a million posse around me," Marley said in an interview at his Los Angeles home. "Some of them you don't even know what's in their hearts. You don't know who you can trust."

"That's why I sing that song, because I learned from what I saw as a child and decided that I would take another way," added Marley, who was just 12 when his father died.

"My father, we bumped heads when I was younger, much younger. ... I had different ideas that I shared with him. He didn't like them as much. He gets upset or whatever. I guess I



► Ziggy Marley was just 12 years old when his father died.

had a strong opinion from when I was a little boy, you know."

Marley's fourth solo studio album, *Wild and Free*, also includes a song obliquely about leaving behind his birthplace of Jamaica, titled *Get Out of Town*.

The five-time Grammy winner now lives primarily in Miami.

"He's from the country and I was born in the town. One day I told him that. I don't want to be a country boy," Marley said of his fa-

ther. "He was upset with those things. And then another time it was about dreadlocks. I said to him, 'You cannot have dreadlocks. You can be dread in your heart.' He was very upset. Each father want their sons to be just like them really."

But now that Marley — who does sport dreadlocks — has matured, his singing voice and his take on reggae music is arguably more evocative of Bob than others in his famously musical family. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Vince Neil

Vince Neil: Motley Crue's rockin' roller coaster

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Vince Neil is not a man of many words. This isn't surprising, considering that most of the words he sings with Motley Crue were written by Nikki Sixx anyway. We spoke with Neil from his tour bus in Tampa.

in the Boys Room was a big fan favourite.

We hadn't played that in a long time. And then *Too Young To Fall In Love*, which we hadn't played in like 20 years.

Is that because you reached an age where you weren't too young to fall in love?

Well, that song was written 25 years ago. (Laughs) It's just a song, man.

Nikki wrote a lot of the songs. When you sing those words after all these years do you get something new out of it?

Well, no. I mean, I'm performing. I'm not acting out those words, I'm singing a song. ... That's all.

I've read that you guys have something called a drum roller coaster on this tour. How has that been working?

Oh it's great. I mean, people are loving it. It's obviously something different.

When you're rehearsing for the tour,



Has life on the road

at what point does something like a drum roller coaster come into the picture?

At the very end. ... Our very first U.S. show was Dallas, so we set up in the place where we were playing for like three days, then rehearsed the new set.

We did pyro, the roller coaster and then everything else.

On this tour, you let fans select the set lists. Any surprises?

No. I mean, a lot of the songs we knew were gonna be on there, obviously like *Girls, Girls, Girls* and *Wild Side* and (Dr.) *Feelgood* and *Home Sweet Home*. ... But some of them, like *Smokin'*

slowed down over the years, or is it still like the Crue bio, *The Dirt: Confessions of the World's Most Notorious Rock Band*?

Well, we were a young band. We've been together for 30 years now, you know. ... We're not drug addicts like we were. There are things that you do when you're 20 years old you don't do when you're 50.

You're touring with Poison and the New York Dolls. Are there any collaborations on this tour where you guys are sharing the stage with them?

No. We do our set, you know. This isn't a jam session. We have a lot of pyro and a lot of visual stuff. We do our job, they do their jobs.



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Couric to co-host The View

Katie Couric will soon get some practice at hosting her own daytime talk show, thanks a new spot on The View.

Executive producer Bill Geddie said Wednesday that Couric will be a guest co-host on the ABC talk show airing live on Aug. 3. Last month, it was an-

nounced that ABC and Disney had signed Couric as host and producer of a one-hour nationally syndicated talk show premiering in September 2012. She also is joining the ABC News team.

Couric was a longtime co-anchor of NBC's Today show and, until May, an-

chored the CBS Evening News.

The View airs weekdays at 11 a.m. ET.

Its regular panel of co-hosts includes Barbara Walters, Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd.

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► Katie Couric

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TV watch list



► Robb Wells, left, Mike Smith, and John Paul (JP) Tremblay star in Drunk and on Drugs Funtime Happy Hour premiering July 22 on Action.

Drunk, high and happy

MINI-SERIES. Former Trailer Park Boys stars Mike Smith, Robb Wells and Jean Paul Tremblay return to TV on Friday with the new comedy miniseries The Drunk and on Drugs Funtime Happy Hour.

In it, the three shoot a sketch-variety TV show called The Happy Funtime Hour in the fictional town of Port Cockerton. Things go awry when an actor hired to play an eccentric scientist (the late Maury Chaykin) makes a powerful and addictive hallucinogen from local berries. As he and the cast ingest the drug, they start to believe they're the characters they portray on the show. Guest stars include Jay Baruchel and Amy Sedaris.

► The Drunk and on Drugs Funtime Happy Hour (Action)

Back to the beginning

MOVIE. With the final film in the smash Harry Potter franchise creating a big buzz at the box office, it might be an apt time to reflect on the first feature in the series on Saturday.

In 2001's Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, which is based on J.K. Rowling's first book in her bestselling series, the young orphan wizard is just entering Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. There, he meets his friends and

foes, including Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger

► Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (ABC)

Taking on the world

TV SHOW. Debuting Friday is Kenny Hotz's Triumph of the Will, featuring the conniving former co-star of Kenny Vs. Spenny.

In this new series, the comedian takes on Herculean tasks and tries to solve the world's biggest problems with a Dateline approach.

► Kenny Hotz's Triumph of the Will (Action)

Uncle Buck then catch the 3:10 to Yuma

MOVIE. Other choice films on in the lineup on Saturday include the 1989 comedy Uncle Buck, starring the late John Candy as a bumbling bachelor who babysits his brother's teenage daughter (Jean Louisa Kelly) and her younger brother (Macaulay Culkin) and sister (Gaby Hoffmann) (Bravo).

On the more serious and critically lauded end of the schedule is the two-time Oscar-nominated Western 3:10 to Yuma, starring Russell Crowe and Christian Bale.

► Uncle Buck (History Channel)

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Taking modern out of family

► Devoted fans having a difficult time seeing Eric Stonestreet play any character but his on Modern Family

Eric Stonestreet sighs slightly when asked if some people are disappointed at finding out he's not gay like the flamboyant character he plays with such zeal on Modern Family.

Some devoted fans of the TV sitcom have criticized him on Twitter for cussing or doing things they believe his character Cameron Tucker wouldn't.

Others who maintain they can't see him as anyone but Cam even said they were surprised to see him in this summer's Bad Teacher, a raunchy comedy about a foul-mouthed, junior high school teacher played by Cameron Diaz.

"That's the sort of thing I've got to stop caring about," said Stonestreet, 39, who will be hosting a show at Montreal's Just For Laughs comedy festival next week.

"People are disappointed sometimes but I hope they understand that I'm an actor playing a character. They love the character and they might like me too if they give me a

chance."

After all, it's not like he hasn't done anything besides Modern Family.

The Kansas-born Stonestreet has a lengthy list of TV and movie roles including a recurring stint as a technician on CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.

And his darker side was on full view in appearances on Nip/Tuck and NCIS in which he played murderers.

"The year before Modern Family I think I killed three people on TV," joked Stonestreet, who won an Emmy last year for best supporting actor in a comedy series.

He's nominated for the award again this year, as are several other members of the cast. Modern Family

follows the loving yet nutty families of Jay Pritchett (Ed O'Neill); his daughter Claire; and his gay son Mitchell, who is raising an

adopted Vietnamese daughter with his partner Cam.

Mitchell, played by the openly gay Jesse Tyler Fer-

guson, is an uptight lawyer while Cam, as Mitch puts it in one episode, "is the mommy-er of the two."

That's appropriate, con-

sidering Stonestreet says he based the nurturing yet linebacker-sized Cam on his mother.

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► Eric Stonestreet, star of Modern Family, will host a show at Montreal's Just For Laughs comedy festival next week.

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McSteamy heads to the rehab docs

► Dane voluntarily checked himself into a facility to work on getting off pain meds, says his rep

Grey's Anatomy star Eric Dane, who is expecting his second child with wife Rebecca Gayheart, quietly checked himself into rehab last month as a "preventative measure" to deal with a dependency on painkillers, according to Star magazine. "Eric felt things spiraling out of control and decided he needed to get some help," a source says.

The actor's rep confirms the rehab stint, saying in a statement that Dane "voluntarily checked himself into a treatment facility to help him get off of pain medication that he was prescribed for a sports injury that he suffered over the recent hiatus. He reports back to work next week. Business as usual."

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► Eric Dane

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J.Lo keeps busy post split

Jennifer Lopez is reportedly putting her split with Marc Anthony behind her and she started with a performance at a Ukrainian wedding, for which Lopez was reportedly paid \$1 million, according to Us Weekly.

And friends of the singer say she isn't just putting on a brave face.

"She is jumping back into work and being a mom with all her energy and she is really excited. She feels



► Jennifer Lopez

like she has grown leaps and bounds and is a new person now, better than ever," a source says. ● METRO

Braff sets record straight

Zach Braff is working quickly to clear things up after a hacker posted a notice on his website announcing that the former Scrubs star is gay.

In the bogus statement, Braff thanked his nearest and dearest for keeping the secret for so long.

"My old website got hacked," Braff said in a statement to TMZ. "Someone issued a 'coming out' statement on my behalf,



► Zach Braff

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I'm still straight and in love with my girlfriend. But not too straight; I still love musicals, brunch and Doogie Howser." ● METRO

Juicy gossip

Lilo's rehab stay haunts her

DID SHE LASH OUT?

Lindsay Lohan's problems with a former Betty Ford Center employee just won't go away.

The woman, Dawn Holland, now reportedly wants to sue Lohan for assault and battery over an altercation last year while Lohan was staying at the clinic, according to TMZ. Holland claims that the troubled actress was "combative and violent" when asked to submit to a Breathalyzer and grabbed and twisted Holland's wrist. Holland previously changed her statement about the incident after allegedly receiving payment from Lohan's family. ● METRO

Tiger breaks up with his caddy

'TIME FOR A CHANGE'

Tiger Woods has ended a 13-year relationship — with his caddy, Steve William. "I want to express my deepest gratitude to Stevie for all his help, but I think it's time for a change," Woods announced on his website. The feeling, apparently, isn't mutual, as Williams posted his reaction to the news on

Celebrity tweets



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"Had a wonderful afternoon with the great @stephenfry today. It involved cameras and took place" in my living room, and for once wasn't porn."

@NiaVardalos

"My sister, niece, nephews came by set, then we went for gelato. May I please film everything in Winnipeg from now on?"

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"I'm not saying he doesn't deserve a pie in the face but it should be done by a court appointed clown, with a doctor and cleric present."

his own site: "After 13 years of loyal service, needless to say this came as a shock," Williams wrote. ● METRO

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Poached Mackerel Roll with Mayo

Preparation:

- 1 Place fillets in skillet just large enough to fit them in single layer. Add lemon juice, thyme and season to taste with salt.

Barely cover fillets with cold water and place over medium heat. Cook 8 minutes and remove from heat. Check doneness of fillets. If not quite cooked, keep in water for few minutes. Residual heat will con-

Shopping List:

Mackerel Rolls

- 1 pound skinned Spanish or Boston mackerel fillets
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- Salt
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

- 1 teaspoon ground mace
- 1 rib celery, finely diced
- 1 shallot, finely diced
- 4 potato rolls
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 pounds Alaskan king crab legs, thawed
- Lemon wedges



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tinue to cook them. Strain water, chill fillets.

- 2 Preheat broiler. Then in medium bowl, combine mayonnaise, mace, celery, shallot, and a little salt. Mix to combine, then flake in chilled mackerel. Gently mix by hand to coat with mayo.

- 3 Brush potato rolls with the canola oil and place under broiler. Remove when golden brown and fill each with a generous heap of mackerel mix.

King Crab Legs Preparation:

- 1 Prepare grill with two-zone fire. Place legs on hottest part of grill; cover. Cook for 5 minutes, turn legs over with tongs. Cover and cook for 3 minutes. Shells should be well charred. Remove one leg and check meat to make sure it's hot all the way through. Serve with lemon wedges. REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM FOR COD & COUNTRY BY BARTON SEAVE, STERLING EPICURE, IMPRINT OF STERLING PUBLISHING CO., INC.

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Kingston's McQuillan starts strong at Canadian Open

Kris Blanks shot a 3-under 67 to take an early lead in the RBC Canadian Open Thursday, while Matt McQuillan of Kingston, Ont., was in a group of players one stroke back. The golfer from Jupiter, Fla., opened with a birdie, then added three more in his round. McQuillan, playing in his first Canadian Open, had a chance to move into a tie for the lead, but he came up just short on a 20-foot putt on the 18th hole. Joining him in second place were South Africa's Ernie Els plus Americans Brett Quigley, Bill Lunde and Kevin Kisner.

NFL players hold key to a deal

► Team facilities open Saturday if NFLPA approves agreement to end lockout, commissioner says

NFL owners voted overwhelmingly in favour of a tentative 10-year agreement to end the lockout, pending player approval Thursday.

The vote was 31-0, with the Oakland Raiders abstaining from the ratification, which came after a full day of meetings at an Atlanta-area hotel. While owners pored over the terms, commissioner Roger Goodell spoke on the

phone several times with NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith.

"Hopefully, we can all work quickly, expeditiously, to get this agreement done," Goodell said.

Players still had to sign off on the deal — and they must re-establish their union quickly for the agreement to stand, the NFL said. Players didn't vote on a full pact Wednesday because there were unresolved is-

"It is time to get back to football. That's what everybody here wants to do."

NFL COMMISSIONER ROGER GOODELL

sues; they planned to have a conference call later Thursday.

However, Smith wrote in an email to the 32 player representatives shortly after the owners' decision:

"Issues that need to be collectively bargained remain open; other issues, such as workers' compensation, economic issues and end of deal terms, remain unresolved. There is no agreement between the NFL and the players at this time. I look forward to our call tonight."

Final issues involved how to set aside three pending court cases, including the anti-trust lawsuit filed

against the NFL in federal court in Minnesota by Tom Brady and nine other players. NFL general counsel Jeff Pash said the owners' understanding is that case will be dismissed.

One thing owners had sought but won't get, at least right away, is expanding the regular season from 16 games to 18. That won't change before 2013, and the players must agree to a switch. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Fans in a frenzy over Riders' lacklustre start

CFL EXTRA POINTS

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Greg Marshall waited a lifetime for his first CFL head coaching job, but will he wait just as long for his first win?

At 0-3, some passionate Saskatchewan fans are calling for the new coach's head on a platter while other scapegoats range from erratic starting QB Darian Durant to defensive co-ordinator Richie Hall, who replaced 'D' guru Gary Etcheverry in the off-season.

Hamilton stomped on Saskatchewan in a 33-3 victory last weekend that could have been even worse if the Tabbies offence had clicked on several scoring chances.

Last year's West Division



► Struggling Roughriders' quarterback Darian Durant has become one of the top targets of fan angst in Saskatchewan.

champs, who've represented the West in three of the last four Grey Cups, are in need of a shakeup and not so much for their record, but for the way the team has lost.

Durant has tossed up twice as many interceptions (six) as touchdown passes this season and his team has been dominated in consecutive weeks by Edmonton, Montreal and Hamilton. The D-line is unable to supply any pressure

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on opposing QBs while the secondary has been dissected in each loss.

The focal point for fan frustration is Marshall, who must be wishing he had chosen a less stressful line of work.

Cleo's on the clock:

It's year two of the Cleo Lemon Experiment, and as the Toronto Argos prepare for their home opener Saturday against Winnipeg, the status of the team's No. 1 pivot is getting shaky.

Yes, he managed to guide the Double Blue to the East final last season — thanks in large part to a fine Argos defence — and helped beat Calgary in Week 1 this season, but at some point he needs to show signs he's developing into a CFL quarterback. Nobody expects Lemon to be another Doug Flutie (although that would be nice), but Lemon's inability to pile up touchdowns or captivate the Argos fan base has reached a critical point. In a quarterback-dri-

ven league, Lemon needs to grab the wheel and start driving or the Argos will have to turn to backups Dalton Bell or Steven Jyles. It's their turn.

B.C.'s slow star nothing new under Buono:

Is it time to fire Wally Buono? When the B.C. Lions last started a season 0-3 in 2002, the perfect solution was to gas Steve Buratto and replace him with Adam Rita.

Lions owner David Braley said this week he's confident in Buono (for now) and you can't really blame him for sticking with a winner. Buono's Lions have suffered slow starts the last two seasons before turning it around in the second half of the year. Additional pressure to make a move this season comes from hosting the 2011 Grey Cup, but whacking Buono at this juncture is an unlikely solution.



Rounding into the home stretch



► Tour de France leader Thomas Voeckler speeds down Agnel pass on Thursday.

► Andy Schleck closes in on Tour de France leader Voeckler in Stage 18 ► 'I'm not afraid to lose': Schleck

Andy Schleck led a daring attack in the Alps to win the 18th stage of the Tour de France on Thursday, a display of panache that puts him within seconds of the yellow jersey.

France's Thomas Voeckler, in a show of grit of his own, narrowly kept the coveted leader's shirt by muscling up a punishing final climb to limit the damage at the end of the 205-kilometre trek from Pinerolo, Italy, to Galibier Serre-Chevalier ski station in France.

Schleck, a 26-year-old rider from Luxembourg, attacked on the second of three grueling climbs and held on all the way up to

Agonizing Alps

The pack scaled more than 60 kilometres of total climbs Thursday, about one-third of which had a gradient of more than 9 per cent.

► Tour director Christian Prudhomme called the 23.7-kilometre Col d'Agnel — at 2,744 metres — the hardest climb in this year's race.

the highest-altitude finish in the race's 108-year history, on the fabled Galibier pass.

"I told the team yesterday that I had this in mind.

I wasn't going to be fourth in Paris," Schleck said of his place in the standings as the stage began. "I said I'd risk it all and it worked well ... Tomorrow is another day, and I hope to have the yellow jersey."

Frank Schleck was second on Thursday behind his younger brother, by two minutes seven seconds, and two-time Tour runner-up Cadel Evans of Australia was third.

Voeckler was 2:21 behind, keeping his overall lead over Andy Schleck by a mere 15 seconds. The elder Schleck is third overall, 1:08 back. Evans is fourth, 1:12 off the pace with three stages left. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	59	37	.615	—
New York	57	39	.594	2
Tampa Bay	52	45	.536	7½
Toronto	50	49	.505	10½
Baltimore	39	56	.411	19½

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	51	46	.526	—
Detroit	51	46	.526	—
Chicago	47	51	.480	4½
Minnesota	46	51	.474	5
Kansas City	40	58	.408	11½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	56	43	.566	—
Los Angeles	53	46	.535	3
Oakland	43	55	.439	12½
Seattle	43	55	.439	12½

Yesterday's results
Toronto 7 Seattle 5
L.A. Angels 1 Texas 0
Tampa Bay 2 N.Y. Yankees 1
Detroit at Minnesota
Wednesday's results
Toronto 11 Seattle 6
Boston 4 Baltimore 0
Kansas City 2 Chicago White Sox 1 (11 inns)
L.A. Angels 9 Texas 8
Minnesota 7 Cleveland 5
N.Y. Yankees 4 Tampa Bay 0
Oakland 7 Detroit 5
Today's games
All times Eastern
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 7-9) at Cleveland (C. Carrasco 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (E. Santana 4-8) at Baltimore (Si-mon 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Cahill 8-8) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 8-8) at Boston (Lackey 7-8), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Jo-Reyes 5-7) at Texas (C.Lewis 9-7), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 10-5) at Minnesota (Duensing 7-7), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (W.Davis 7-6) at Kansas City (Hochevar 5-8), 8:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Bautista	310	75	103	31	66	.332
Molina	108	14	34	2	9	.315
Thames	129	23	39	4	17	.302
Escobar	342	52	103	9	37	.301
Lind	269	42	86	18	55	.300
Encarnacion	289	36	73	7	24	.271
Patterson	307	43	78	6	33	.254
Snider	143	18	36	3	29	.252
Davis	285	40	68	1	25	.239
Hill	312	31	72	4	37	.231
McDonald	138	16	31	2	16	.225
McCoy	73	9	16	1	4	.219
Arenbach	265	28	56	12	39	.211
PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
McCoy	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.00
Rzepczynski	2	2	0	39.1	33	2.75
Janssen	3	0	1	28.2	27	2.83
Frasor	2	1	0	40.1	35	3.12
Romero	7	9	0	112.7	108	3.18
Villanueva	5	2	0	84.1	60	3.31
Dotel	2	1	1	28.0	29	3.86
Camp	1	1	1	41.2	19	4.10
Rauch	3	3	7	39.9	27	4.12
Morrow	7	4	0	101.2	117	4.34
Reyes	5	7	0	105.2	61	4.94
Francisco	1	4	0	27.2	32	5.53
Cecil	2	4	0	48.1	35	5.77

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	61	36	.629	—
Atlanta	58	41	.586	4
New York	49	49	.500	12½
Washington	48	50	.490	13½
Florida	47	52	.475	15

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	53	46	.535	—
Pittsburgh	51	45	.531	½
St. Louis	51	47	.520	1½
Cincinnati	48	50	.490	4½
Chicago	39	60	.394	14
Houston	33	65	.337	19½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	57	42	.576	—
Arizona	52	46	.531	4½
Colorado	47	52	.475	10
San Diego	44	55	.444	13
Los Angeles	43	55	.439	13½

Yesterday's results
San Diego 5 Florida 3
St. Louis 6 N.Y. Mets 2
Atlanta 9 Colorado 6
Milwaukee at Arizona
Wednesday's results
Cincinnati 3 Pittsburgh 1
Colorado 3 Atlanta 2
Houston 3 Washington 2 (11 inns)
L.A. Dodgers 1 San Francisco 0
Milwaukee 5 Arizona 2 (10 inns)
N.Y. Mets 6 St. Louis 5 (10 inns)
Philadelphia 9 Chicago Cubs 1
San Diego 14 Florida 3
Today's games
All times Eastern
Houston (Norris 5-6) at Chicago Cubs (Zam-brano 6-5), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Luebke 3-3) at Philadelphia (Hamel 11-5), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (C.Carpenter 5-7) at Pittsburgh (Ma-holm 6-9), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Jurjens 12-3) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 7-8), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 5-9) at Florida (Volstad 5-8), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (A.Cook 0-5) at Arizona (D.Hudson 10-5), 9:40 p.m.
Washington (Lannan 6-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 6-11), 10:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Marcum 8-3) at San Francisco (Cain 8-5), 10:15 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
JosReyes NYM	82	360	67	126	.350
Helton Col	87	293	43	95	.324
Holliday StL	72	257	48	83	.323
Braun Mil	89	325	60	104	.320
Votto Cin	97	362	59	115	.318
Pence Hou	92	374	46	118	.316
McCann Atl	85	311	39	97	.312
Morse Was	87	295	43	92	.312
Kemp LAD	98	353	58	109	.309
DanMurphy NYM	93	331	39	102	.308
HITS—JosReyes, New York, 126; SCastro, Chicago, 124; Pence, Houston, 118; Bourn, Houston, 115; Vol-to, Cincinnati, 115; RWEEKS, Milwaukee, 110; Kemp, Los Angeles, 109.					
PITCHING—Berkman, St. Louis, 26; Kemp, Los Angeles, 24; Fielder, Milwaukee, 22; Bruce, Cincin-nati, 21; CPena, Chicago, 20; Pujols, St. Louis, 20; Stanton, Florida, 20.					
PITCHING—Jurjens, Atlanta, 12-3; Halladay, Philadelphia, 11-4; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 11-4; Hamels, Philadelphia, 11-5; Gallardo, Milwaukee, 11-6; Correia, Pittsburgh, 11-7; Kennedy, Arizona, 10-3; Hanson, Atlanta, 10-5; DHudson, Arizona, 10-5.					
STRIKEOUTS—Kershaw, Los Angeles, 167; Lince-cum, San Francisco, 146; CLee, Philadelphia, 143; Halladay, Philadelphia, 139; Anisanchez, Florida, 130; Hamels, Philadelphia, 124; Norris, Houston, 118.					
Yesterday's games not included					

BLUE JAYS, MARINERS 5

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	4	1	3	1	YEscorss	4	1	1	1
Ryan ss	5	1	2	0	ETHms rf	3	1	1	1
AKndy 3b-1b	4	1	0	0	RDavis pr-cf	1	0	1	2
Olivo c	4	1	1	4	Bautist dh	3	0	1	2
Smook 1b	4	0	1	0	Lind lb	4	0	0	0
Halmn pr-lf	0	0	0	0	Encnc 3b	3	1	0	0
J.Bard dh	4	0	1	0	Snider cf-lf	4	0	0	0
FGtrrz cf	4	0	1	0	CPttrsn lf-rf	4	1	1	0
Figgins lf-3b	3	1	0	0	Arencii c	2	1	0	0
JaWisn zb	2	0	0	0	McCoy zb	4	2	2	1
Ackley ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	35	5	9	5	Totals	32	7	7	7
Seattle	000	010	040	5	Toronto	000	011	040	5
Toronto	000	011	03x	7					

E—Fister (1). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Seattle 7, Toronto 9. 2B—R.Davis (18), Bautista (17), McCoy 2 (5). HR—Olivo (13), SB—L.Suzuki (24), F.Gutierrez 2 (7), Figgins (10), R.Davis (29). SF—Bautista.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		
Fister	6	5	5	4	3	4	
Ray	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Pouley L-5-4	1	2	2	2	2	1	
R.Romero	7	1	3	5	4	4	9
Janssen BS,1-2	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
Rauch W,4-3	12	3	1	0	0	0	2

Janssen pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.
Fister pitched to 5 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by Fister (Arenbach). WP—Fister 2.
Umpires—Home, Tom Hallion; First, Phill Cuzzi; Second, James Hoye; Third, Lance Barrett.
T—2:37. A—23,146 (49,260).

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
AdGonzalez Bos	95	391	67	134	.343
Kitchman TB	81	270	24	91	.337
Bautista Tor	87	310	75	103	.332
MIYoung Tex	96	382	44	124	.325
VMartinez Det	82	300	41	95	.317
Ellsburj Bos	95	389	70	123	.316
JHPeralta Det	87	311	41	97	.312
MCabrera Det	97	334	66	104	.311
Konerko CWS	95	348	43	108	.310
YEscobar Tor	89	342	52	103	.301
RUNS—Granderson, New York, 85; Bautista, Toronto, 75; Ellsburj, Boston, 70; Kinsler, Texas, 68; AdGonza-lez, Boston, 67; MCabrera, Detroit, 66; Pedroia, Boston, 63; Zobrist, Tampa Bay, 63.					
RBI—AdGonzalez, Boston, 78; Beltre, Texas, 75; Granderson, New York, 70; Konerko, Chicago, 69; Youkilis, Boston, 68; Teixeira, New York, 67; Bautista, Toronto, 66.					
HITS—AdGonzalez, Boston, 134; MIYoung, Texas, 124; Ellsburj, Boston, 123; McCabrera, Kansas City, 120; ACabera, Cleveland, 114; Markakis, Baltimore, 114; AGordon, Kansas City, 112.					
HOME RUNS—Bautista, Toronto, 31; Granderson, New York, 26; Teixeira, New York, 25; Konerko, Chica-go, 22; NCruz, Texas, 21; MarReynolds, Baltimore, 21; Beltre, Texas, 20; MCabrera, Detroit, 20.					
STOLEN BASES—Gardner, New York, 30; Andrus, Texas, 28; RDavis, Toronto, 28; Ellsburj, Boston, 28; Crisp, Oakland, 27; ISuzuki, Seattle, 23; BUpton, Tampa Bay, 22.					
PITCHING—Sabathia, New York, 14-4; Weaver, Los Angeles, 12-4; Verlander, Detroit, 12-5; Tomlin, Cleveland, 11-4; CWilson, Texas, 10-3; Ogando, Texas, 10-3; Lester, Boston, 10-4; Scherzer, Detroit, 10-5; Haren, Los Angeles, 10-6.					
STRIKEOUTS—Verlander, Detroit, 153; FHernandez, Seattle, 146; Shields, Tampa Bay, 145; Price, Tampa Bay, 137; Sabathia, New York, 134; CWilson, Texas, 124; Weaver, Los Angeles, 123.					
SAVES—Valverde, Detroit, 25; MaRivera, New York, 24; League, Seattle, 23; Walden, Los Angeles, 22; CPerez, Cleveland, 22; Papelbon, Boston, 21; Feliz, Texas, 20.					
Yesterday's games not included					

GOLF

NATIONWIDE-CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL-INVITATIONAL

At Columbus, Ohio		
Par 71		
First round (a-amateur)		
a-John Peterson	33-31	—64
Aaron Watkins	35-30	—65
a-Harris English	34-32	—66
Brian Smock	35-31	—66
Danny Wax	37-30	—67
Troy Kelly	34-33	—67
Ted Potter, Jr.	34-33	—67
Matt Every	33-34	—67
Matt Hendrix	33-34	—67
Scott Dunlap	33-34	—67
Russell Knox	36-31	—67
Kyle Reifers	33-34	—67
Brett Wetterich	34-33	—67
J.J. Killeen	35-33	—68
Charles Chopra	33-35	—68
Daniel Chapp	34-34	—68
Chris Warren	35-33	—68
Scott Brown	35-33	—68
Paul Claxton	35-33	—68
Matt Weirberg	34-34	—68
Roberto Castro	35-33	—68
Clayton Rask	32-36	—68
Josh Broadway	35-33	—68
Richard H. Lee	35-33	—68
James Sackel	32-36	—68
Garrett Sapp	34-34	—68
Will Wilcox	33-36	—69
Kyle Lingerth	35-34	—69
David Thompson	35-34	—69
Bubba Dickerson	37-32	—69
Travis Hampshire	36-33	—69
Marco Dawson	33-36	—69
Miguel Angel Carbalo	35-34	—69
a-Peter Uihlein	34-35	—69
Brian Stuart	34-35	—69
Jeff Gove	36-33	—69
Brendan Pappas	37-32	—69
Jake Younan-Wise	34-35	—69
Billy Hurley III	34-35	—69
Matt Davidson	36-33	—69
David Vanegas	37-32	—69
Brad Adamonis	34-36	—70
Bradley Iles	36-34	—70
Brad Elder	33-37	—70
Michael Sims	37-33	—70
Will Claxton	37-33	—70
Brice Garnett	36-34	—70
Mathew Goggin	37-33	—70
Garth Mulroy	37-33	—70
Derek Tolan	34-36	—70
Also		
Jon Mills	36-36	—72
Richard T. Lee	39-34	—73
David Morland IV	39-37	—76
LPGA TOUR-EVIAN MASTERS		
At Evian-Les-Bains, France		
Par 72		
First round		
Shin-Ae Ahn	34-33	—67
Maria Hjorth	31-36	—67
Karen Stupples	37-30	—67
Shanshan Feng	35-33	—68
Cristie Kerr	34-34	—68
Brittany Lincicome	34-34	—68
Ai Miyazato	36-32	—68
Ritsuko Ryu	35-33	—68
Miki Sakai	32-36	—68
Ran Hong	34-35	—69
Eun-Hee Ji	34-35	—69
Virginie Lagoutte-Clement	36-33	—69
Stacy Lewis	32-37	—69
Inbee Park	36-33	—69
Jiyai Shin	35-34	—69
Yani Tseng	33-36	—69
Paula Creamer	33-37	—70
Also		
Alena Sharp	39-41	—80

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE									
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt		
Philadelphia	19	8	4	7	24	16	31		
New York	22	6	5	11	35	28	29		
Columbus	20	7	6	7	21	20	28		
Houston	20	5	6	9	24	23	24		
Kansas City	19	5	6	8	24	25	23		
D.C. United	19	5	6	8	24	30	23		
New England	20	4	9	7	17	27	19		
Chicago	20	2	6	12	20	25	18		
Toronto	22	3	10	9	17	37	18		

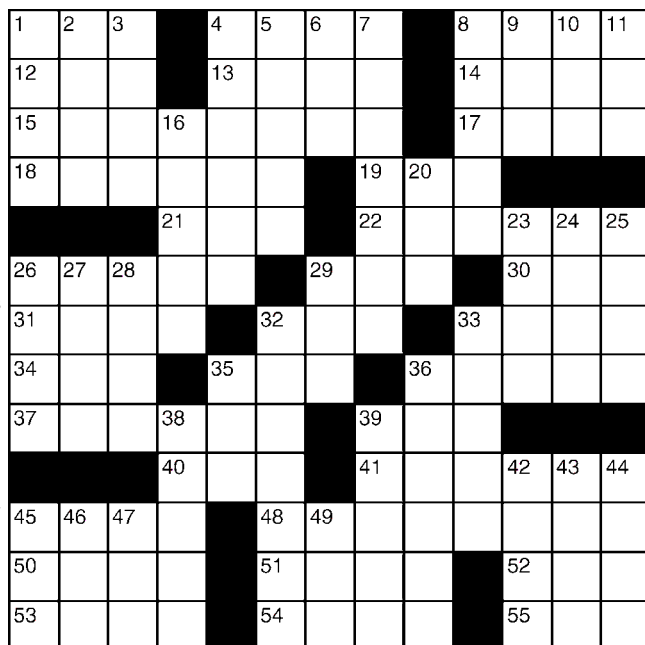
Crossword

Across

1 Nonstick spray brand
4 Stylish
8 Actress Cannon
12 Census statistic
13 Comic Jay
14 Singer McEntire
15 Client
17 Simple
18 Rip to shreds
19 Gripe constantly
21 Egos' counterparts
22 Martha Washington's first husband
26 Postpone
29 Navigation hindrance
30 Shad product
31 On the rocks
32 Angry group
33 November responsibility
34 Lanka predecessor
35 Carton
36 Satellite of Saturn
37 Little Bighorn loser
39 Canto lead-in
40 Previously
41 Dormant
45 Loutish sort
48 Pudding-like desserts
50 Data, for short
51 Manitoba native
52 Electees
53 Nimble-fingered
54 Shoppe adjective
55 Grimalkin

Down

1 Treaty
2 Chills and fever



3 Arizona city
4 Pre-storm forecast
5 Rope fibers
6 Amino acid suffix
7 Pipe type
8 Sediment
9 Favorable vote
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25 Spotted
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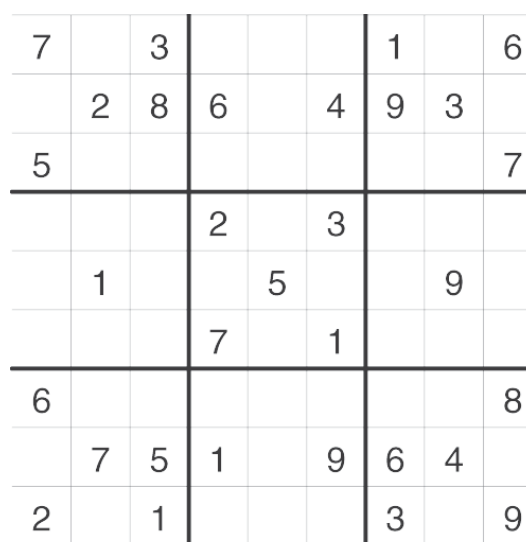
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32 Casablanca's country
33 Country estate
35 Plead
36 Exam taker
38 Pack to the future?
39 Founded (on)
42 Clapton or Idle
43 Writer Ferber
44 "Hey, you!"
45 Auction action

46 Inseparable
47 Vacationing
49 Web address

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

1	3	9	7	4	5	8	6	2
5	2	8	1	6	3	4	7	9
4	6	7	8	9	2	1	5	3
2	9	1	3	7	8	5	4	6
6	5	3	2	1	4	9	8	7
8	7	4	9	5	6	2	3	1
3	4	5	6	2	1	7	9	8
7	8	2	5	3	9	6	1	4
9	1	6	4	8	7	3	2	5

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I can't wait to have you in my arms again, to hold you, to touch you, to gaze into your eyes, to make your entire body quiver. Dreaming of the day when we can do this. I love you! CARLOS JUNIOR

Biebsy,
im so happy u r in my life i wish i culd say but, im not so good with words lol! and your sooo hawt u make me crazyyyy! i got bieber fever lol. i know were gunna be 2gether for ever. we alredy got 2 beautifull boyz (Ed and CB 4 life) lets make it 3. luv u baby! ur my hunny pie xoxox HOTPANTS

Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 No matter what happens today, you must make a conscious effort to stay above chaos and confusion.
♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 Today you could flare up at the smallest provocation, but now you're aware so take steps to prevent it.
♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Everyone expects great things of you and you don't want to let them down. But are your aims identical?
♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 You will deal with a messy situation today, but you've never worried about getting your hands dirty.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 If your instincts tell you to take a certain action today, you must do so without worrying what others might think.
♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 If someone confronts you with evidence of wrongdoing, don't try to wriggle out of it. Be honest.
♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Today's hyper cosmic outlook suggests you will act quickly and worry about what you have done later.
♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are in over your head and need assistance from those who know what they are doing.

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♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 A project that you put on the back burner a few months ago has once again captured your interest.
♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Sometimes you wonder if it is worth trying to get along with a certain person. Don't give up yet.
♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't waste your time on projects that don't bring a guaranteed financial return.
♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. You may be forced to go in a direction you don't want to go today, but don't sweat it. SALLY BROMPTON

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